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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL USING A HASHING TECHNIQUE WITH EXTERNAL CHAINING AND ON-THE-FLY REMOVAL OF EXPIRED DATA** the specification of which is attached hereto.

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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL
USING A HASHING TECHNIQUE WITH EXTERNAL CHAINING AND ON-THEFLY REMOVAL OF EXPIRED DATA

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